



## **Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 17**

**Meeting Date:** February 18, 2011

**Meeting Location:** Memorial Hospital Medical Arts Conference

**Council Members Present:** RM Lesko, Melinda Berry, Lisa Smith, David Galloway, Darlene McBride, and Connie Branch.

**Council Members Absent:** Nancy Rennie, Judge Weikert, Judge Dartt, Diana Songer, Herbert Gordon and Cheryl Hillenburg.

**Others In Attendance:** John Schroder, Amy Tempel, Natalie Kassenbrock, Kelli Huther, Leslie Rowland, Lana Tobin, Stephanie Miller, Karen Miller, Pam Kiser, Kristen Kassenbrock, Jeanna Gross, Morgan Blanton, Suetta Fischer, Lori McIntire, Bethaney Leahy, and Darcy Durbin.

<b>Meeting Minutes</b>
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**Meeting Called to Order at:** 8:35 A.M. Eastern time by Susan Lesko, Regional Manager.

RM Lesko asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the previous meeting. Melinda Berry made motion to approve the previous minutes and Lana Tobin seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as read.

### **PROGRAMS/COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Community Partners Update:** Kelli Huther with IHBS gave a summary of the referrals for the month of October 2010. As of January 31, 2011 a total of 56 open cases are currently being serviced through Community Partners for Child Safety in Region 17.

In the month of January, a total of 21 new referrals were made for consideration and 19 were serviced.

Of the referrals, three came from Crawford County, four came from Daviess County, two came from Dubois County, four came from Orange County, six came from Perry County and two came from Spencer County.

Sources of the referrals (Partners) for January included the Daviess County Department of Child Services, Orange County Department of Child Services, Perry County Department of Child Services, Leavenworth Elementary School, Troy Clinic, Meadows Hospital, Jasper Middle School, Rockport Elementary School, and self-referrals.

In the month of January a total of 20 cases were closed that were serviced with 16 of those being successfully closed.

Natalie informed council they are running a little behind on the budget. She stated that some agencies have contacted them to do parenting classes at the local Head Start agency in some counties. Parenting class was recently done in Paoli, Purdue Extension in Washington contacted them again to partner and provide parenting classes. Natalie informed council they are going to continue to revisit social service agencies, and schools. Natalie informed council several months ago they met with Crawford County school counselors and they noticed referrals definitely increased. IHBS will continue to do advertising

**Coalition Meeting:** Kristin with IHBS stated the last meeting was held on January 13, 2011. She stated it was decided to hold off scheduling any subsequent meetings until there was a need identified for one. She informed council they are organizing a list of resources along with other useful information and this will be sent out via email in the next week or so.

**Practice Model:** Darlene McBride informed council she has been going to different counties in the region giving in-services on CFTM's (the prep portion of it) and stressing the importance of a good preparation meeting with the family. Darlene informed council she recently attended Protective Factors Training. Amy Tempel (who was a trainer) stated that DCS is trying to re-focus how we do our assessments when going into homes with different families and trying to take a more strength based approach. The goal is to try and make the family draw on those strengths for supports. The hope is to be able to maintain children in their homes safely as opposed to removing them.

**Regional Finance Manager:** John Schroder RFM informed council that Region 17 is doing pretty well considering the budget situation. We are transferring money because of increases in certain areas and decreases in others. A problem

that may be an issue for this fiscal year is that we are seeing some increases in probation use of institution cost.

**Foster Care Specialist Update:** Lana Tobin, Director in Dubois County informed council that region 17 has 75 foster homes. The foster care specialists are in the process of licensing around 35 families. This includes relative placements. She also reported that recruiting efforts are beginning.

**NEW BUSINESS:** RM informed the council it is time to review our services again. We cannot contract with anyone in the state unless that agency has a contract with the state. RM stated we have scored proposals, recommendations have been made and the Council now needs to discuss and vote on each proposal for service. Darcy Durbin our Regional Services Coordinator will present each service with a small explanation of the service and those services providers that sent in a proposal.

**Child Preparation-Provider:** Ireland Home Based Services. Council voted yes.

**Chins Parent Support Services**-No provider was selected for this standard.

Council was in agreement this service not needed.

**Counseling-** Provider: Ireland Home Bases Services & RainTree Consulting LLC  
Council voted yes.

**Cross System Care Coordination**-This service was not selected. Council in agreement this service not needed.

**Day Treatment**-This service was not selected. Council in agreement this service not needed. No local providers submitted a proposal.

**Detoxification Services**-Provider: The Salvation Army. Council voted yes.

**Diagnostic and Evaluation**-Provider: Bloomington Meadows GP, Children & Family Services Corp., and David L. Winsch Ph.D. HSPP. Council voted yes.

**Domestic Violence Batterer's**-Provider: Crisis Connection Inc., Prisoner & Community Together Inc. Council voted yes.

**Domestic Violence Victim and Child-Provider:** Crisis Connection, Prisoner & Community Together Inc. Council voted yes.

**Drug Testing and Supplies**-Provider: Forensic Fluids Laboratories Inc. and Spy Glass Inc. Council voted yes.

**Family Preparation**-Provider-Cassandra McConn Inc., National Mentor Healthcare LLC, The Villages of Indiana Inc. & Face to Face. Council voted yes.

**Father Engagement Programs**-Provider: Ireland Home Bases Services. Council voted yes.

**Foster Home Licensing/Updates/Relicensing Studies.** This service was not selected. Council in agreement this service not needed.

**Home-Based Family Centered Casework Services**-Provider: Children & Family Services Corp., Ireland Home Based Services LLC, RainTree Consulting LLC & Regional Youth Services Inc. Council voted yes.

**Home-Based Family Centered Therapy Services**-Provider: Behavior NetWorks LLC, Children & Family Services Corp., Ireland Home Based Services LLC, RainTree Consulting LLC, & Regional Youth Services Inc. Council voted yes.

**Homemaker/Parent Aid**-Provider: Children & Family Services Corp., Ireland Home Based Services LLC, Lincoln Hills Development Corporation & RainTree Consulting LLC. Council voted yes.

**Parent Education**-Provider: Ireland Home Based Services LLC, RainTree Consulting LLC. Council voted yes.

**Parenting/Family Functioning Assessment**-Provider: Ireland Home Based Services LLC, & RainTree Consulting LLC. Council voted yes.

**Quality Assurance for Children in Residential Placement**-Provider: Ireland Home Based Services LLC, & RainTree Consulting LLC. Council voted yes.

**Random Drug Testing**-Provider: Forensic Fluids Laboratories, Inc., Ireland Home Based Services LLC, & Spy Glass Inc. Council voted yes.

**Residential Substance Use Treatment**-Provider: The Salvation Army. Council voted yes.

**Resource Family Support Services**-Provider: Ireland Home Based Services LLC, Southern Hills Counseling Center Inc., & The Villages of Indiana. Council voted yes.

**Sex Offender Treatment/Victims of Sex Abuse Treatment**-Provider: Cassandra McConn Inc., Regional Youth Services, Inc. & ResCare Inc. Council voted yes.

**Substance Use Disorder Assessment**-Provider: Bloomington Meadows GP, Ireland Home Based Services, RainTree Consulting LLC, & The Salvation Army. Council voted yes.

**Substance Use Outpatient Treatment**-Provider: Cassandra McConn Inc. & RainTree Consulting LLC. Council voted yes.

**Support Groups for Resource Parents**- This service was not selected. Council in agreement this service not needed.

**Transition from Restrictive Placements**-Provider: Children & Family Services Corp., Ireland Home Based Services LLC, & RainTree Consulting LLC. Council voted yes.

**Truancy Termination**-Provider: Ireland Home Based Services LLC. Council voted yes.

**Tutoring/Literacy Classes**- This service was not selected. Council in agreement this service not needed.

**Visitation Facilitation**-Provider: Cassandra McConn Inc., Children & Family Services Corp., Ireland Home Based Services LLC & RainTree Consulting LLC. Council voted yes.

**Specialized Services**-None were chosen at this time. Council in agreement that this service is not needed.

**Community Partners**-Provider: Ireland Home Based Services. Council voted yes.

**Public Testimony/Announcement:** None

**Next Meeting Date, Location and Time:** The next meeting will be May 20, 2011 at 8:30 A.M. Eastern time and 7:30 A.M. Central time. The meeting will be held at the Memorial Hospital Arts Conference Room located at 721 W. 13th St. Jasper, IN.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Director Melinda Berry and seconded by Lisa Smith. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 A.M.





